

Submitted by Carol  
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### **WHAT SECOND CHANCE MEANS**

- These bills won't result in the release of anyone who poses a threat. They will simply provide a meaningful review by a parole board empowered with the authority to parole those "Juvenile Lifers", who do NOT pose a threat.
- The standard for judging which "Juvenile Lifers", may be safely released should be **MERIT- BASED** reviews.  
**Evaluate each case to determine whether the prisoner has worked to enact positive change.**

### **THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER**

The recidivism rate: "Research has also shown that "inmates who had earned college degrees...had a 4% recidivism rate versus the customary rate of 33% for non-degreed inmates" ("FAQ #5", 2001). Created by: maynard@lclark.edu  
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- Speaking of saving money, it is less expensive to rehabilitate youth than lock them up. According to Desiree Cooper, a Free Press Columnist, It costs abt. \$150,000 annually to house a boy at Maxy compared to \$50,000 a year to attend Harvard. A purely punitive mentality has become too expensive, (a quote from Judge Eugene Arthur Moore in Oakland County)

## The Offense

On the night of August 28, 1983,



Jerry and his 12 year old uncle and playmate, Nicholas, quarreled over ball equipment. When it was over, Nicholas was dead and Jerry was prosecuted for the crime -- sentenced to life without parole at age 15.

He never intended to kill Nicholas but has accepted responsibility for his death.

## Moving Forward ...

Jerry received private therapy for 2 years and completed several additional mental health programs.

He worked through his rage and anger issues stemming from a very difficult childhood which included physical abuse, a divorce, and ultimate abandonment by his father.

In 25 years of incarceration, Jerry has not relapsed, nor is there a single incident of violence on his record.

Today, he is a mature adult who is fully equipped to handle any situation that comes his way.



Family Members

## Bio for Jerry Warren Lashuay, Jr.

### Leader / Activist / Teacher

Co-founded the J.A.I.L. organization.

Aided in the development of the first recognized Lifeskills program in the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Co-authorized Project Y.O.U. (Youth Oriented Understanding), a program that paired at-risk youth with convicted felons for a day of eye-opening exercises and dialogue aimed at helping them recognize how their actions could jeopardize their future.

Developed and taught a writing skills program offered to other prisoners to improve their essay and written language skills.

### Journalist / Author

Served as an editor for the KERYX Journal, a monthly Christian newsletter published by the Kinross KERYX program.



Interviewed by PBS correspondent, Orah Bickell, for Frontline regarding juveniles serving sentences in prison.



### Recognition

Riverside Jaycees: recipient of Armbruster, Keyman, and the Past President awards.

## Juveniles Against Incarceration for Life

[www.THEJAIL.us](http://www.THEJAIL.us) - Jerry Lashuay, Co-Founder



There are now over 320 prisoners in the State of Michigan serving life sentences without parole for crimes they committed as juvenile offenders. It's a known fact that juveniles often become the targets of abuse for adult prisoners. Despite their age, these individuals immediately have to cope, adapt, and mature in an unforgiving environment where survival is paramount. Under current law, children sentenced to mandatory life in prison are not eligible for release. It's time for legislative change to empower parole boards to give serious consideration to juvenile offenders who have demonstrated their commitment to rehabilitate within the system and offer them the opportunity for a second chance.

"Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Work Experience

Department of Corrections

Certified Clerk for over 13 years

- Academic & Technical School Classification
- College
- Hobbycraft
- Housing Unit
- Kitchen Commissary
- Library
- MI State Industries Shipping
- Prisoner Services

Skilled Tutor for 7 years

- Academic School (English)
- Special Education
- Technical Program (Food Service & Business Education)

## Education

- Arizona State University
- Indiana Institute of Technology
- Montcalm Community College, Associate of Arts and Sciences
- Ohio University, pursuing Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree in English & History
- Technical Certifications (Business Education, Food Technology, Office Occupations)

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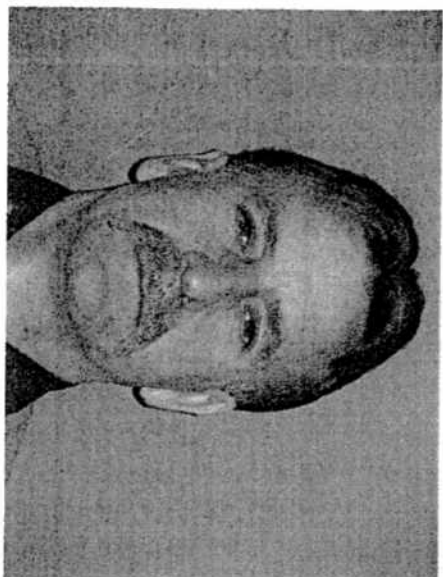
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Eyes:	Brown
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Weight:	185 lbs.
Date of Birth:	02/02/1966 (43)
Image Date:	4/1/2009

2009 - 43 years old

1983 Sentence  
17 years old  
(16 years at the time)  
of incident



April 28, 1982

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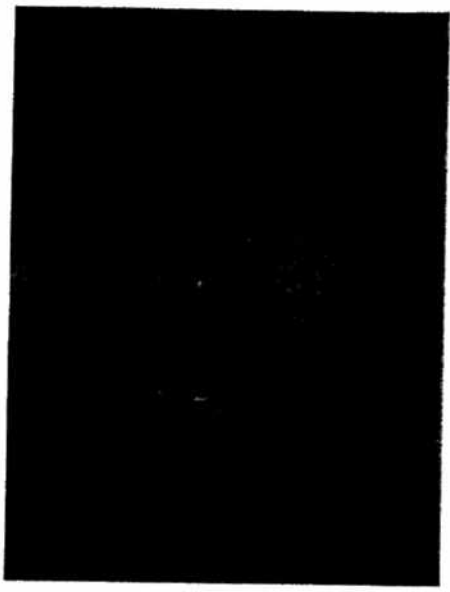
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